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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING, MALI

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED SECTION 32 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973 WITH DIRECTOR POLITICAL SECTION, MALI FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND PROVIDED HIM WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION.

2. MALI IS RULED BY AN ELEVEN-MEMBER MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION WHICH SEIZED POWER IN 1968. THIS MILITARY COMMITTEE ARRESTED PRESIDENT MODIBO KEITA, ABOLISHED THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND TURNED THE COUNTRY AWAY FROM SOCIALISM TO AN ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE REVEALED IN JANUARY 1975 THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO FULFILL THE PLEDGE TO RETURN THE COUNTRY TO CIVILIAN, DEMOCRATIC RULE. A NATIONAL REFERENDUM WAS HELD IN 1974 WHICH OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED A NEW CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR FREE ELECTIONS TO A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITING ADHERENTS OF THE MODIBO KEITA REGIME FROM ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE APPROVED CONSTITUTION, BY 1980 THE MILITARY

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COMMITTEE WILL GIVE WAY TO A CIVILIAN PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM

OF GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT TRAORE ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT  
POLITICAL DETAINEES OF THE FORMER REGIME WILL SOON BE RELEASED.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POLITICAL CRIMES, WESTERN JUDICIAL  
PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED IN THE COURTS ALTHOUGH  
THERE IS LESS SEPARATION OF JUDICIAL AND POLITICAL  
AUTHORITY THAN IN THE U.S. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON  
EMIGRATION.  
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